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Canadian Weight Limits (CWL) Permit Requirements

Attached is the application to request a Canadian Weight Limits Permit to operate an authorized vehicle configuration(s) at certain Canadian weight limits between either the Canadian border at Calais to a mill in Baileyville, the Canadian border at Madawaska to a paper mill in Madawaska, or the Canadian border at Van Buren to a rail yard in Van Buren. Please review the following requirements before completing the application.

USDOT Number – All applicants must be registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as a motor carrier and have an active interstate USDOT Number. The legal name on the USDOT Number census information must be the same as the legal name on the CWL permit application.

International Registration Plan (IRP) – Any truck tractor listed on a CWL permit application must be registered in the IRP for 100,000 lbs. in Maine. The IRP Account Number is located at the top of the IRP cab card (for example: NB 1234 2 2011).

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) – All applicants must have an active IFTA account and display IFTA decals on any truck tractor listed on a CWL permit application. The IFTA Account Number is a nine (9) digit number prefixed with the two character IFTA base jurisdiction abbreviation (for example: NB123456789).

Safety – An applicant's permit request may be denied if the applicant has been prioritized for a FMCSA safety intervention or has an unsatisfactory FMCSA safety rating, as evidenced by a "Monitor" status in any Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category (BASIC) or a "Marginal" or "Unfit" Safety Fitness Determination. Carriers can check their federal safety information at <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) – Applicants must have submitted their UCR registration and paid the applicable UCR fee for the registration year in which the CWL permit application is submitted. Contact the Operating Authority Unit at 207-624-9000 ext. 52131 if you need to register or need more information.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the following application, please do not hesitate to contact the Overlimit Permit Unit at the number listed below.